

Victim Offender Dialog (VOD)

The VOD is initiated by juvenile offender after which the referral is made to CRJ

The youth is then screened for the program through a meeting with a facilitator.

If the youth meets the requirements, the process begins with the first meeting when the youth tells the facilitator what happened. The victim is encouraged to discuss what happened, ask questions, and to discuss what the victim may need from the juvenile offender. It is important to note that during the encounter the victim decides who will speak first. As a result of the dialogue, an Accountability Agreement is discussed and implemented.

What to ask during the initial meeting with the client:

- Does the youth want to participate?
- Does the youth accept responsibility?

After meeting with the juvenile, the facilitator calls and/or sends a letter to the victim and arranges a meeting.

- The first meeting with the victim is to explain:
 - the program,
 - what could happen, and
 - the possible benefits

The facilitator will continue to meet individually with the offender and the victim until all are ready to come face-to-face